

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7005

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Randy Redden on the occasion of his retirement from the Board of Probation and Parole.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those correction professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Randy Redden is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction for thirty-two years with the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole; and

WHEREAS, on December 30, 2009, Mr. Redden began his much-deserved retirement from a distinguished career in correction that has spanned many societal changes and more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, before becoming a probation officer, Randy Redden served his country with courage and gallantry as a corpsman in the U.S. Army, serving in both Germany and Korea and rising to the rank of Specialist 5th Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden began his tenure with the Board of Probation and Parole in December of 1977 in the Memphis Regional Office and then, after transferring to the Jackson Regional Office, continued to rise in rank before becoming the Probation Parole Manager in May of 1985; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1992, Randy Redden was appointed the Assistant to the State Director of Probation Field Services in Nashville, where he facilitated the development of programs that aided fellow workers in accomplishing their responsibilities, as well as increased the safety of the general public and the officers with whom he worked; and

WHEREAS, after two years serving in this capacity, he chose to return to the "field" and was selected to establish a new field office in Lexington, which supervises those on probation

and parole in five West Tennessee counties: Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, and Henderson;
and

WHEREAS, Randy Redden was then selected to become the manager of the newly created Apprehension Unit for the Board of Probation and Parole and to interview and select a team of probation officers who would attend the police academy and work in this new unit, serving ably in this position until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Redden is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his daughter, Brandy, and his grandson, Christopher and plans to spend much time with them during his retirement; and

WHEREAS, despite the many years of service he has already given, Randy Redden plans to continue serving part-time in other law enforcement venues in his continual effort to provide safety and security to the people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Randy Redden exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent public servant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden has served with the utmost professionalism and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his superiors, his colleagues, the public, and the members of the General Assembly alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Randy Redden for his outstanding thirty-two years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, thank him for his bravery and dedication, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.